

Site Carpentry Diploma Level 2

Course Overview

We are no longer accepting applications for this course for September 2025 starts. Please take a look at other courses or contact our careers team for independent advice and guidance. This course is designed to offer progression from the Construction Skills level 1 or equivalent and will allow you to further develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or a career as a site carpenter in the construction sector. You must supply safety footwear/clothing and an identified toolkit. Technical drawing equipment and stationery are also necessary. If you are aged 16 to 19, you will be enrolled in a study programme. This will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will take part in activities that help you to develop your personal skills, such as building your character and confidence. This will help you to live well and move into your chosen career. If you are 16-19 years old these activities will be timetabled as will work experience and placement. You can also choose to take part in other activities.

What you will learn

This is a one-year course. You will learn about health, safety and environmental issues faced on construction sites, and how to communicate with others on the job. You will also learn practical skills specific to site carpentry, including how to carry out first fix flooring and roofing, how to carry out first fix frames, partitions and stairs, how to carry out second fixing operations, how to carry out carpentry maintenance, and how to set up and operate a circular saw.

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires GCSEs in both English and maths at grade 3 or above, plus a further two GCSEs at grade 3 or above, one of which must include a design or technical-based subject. You will also need to provide one reference and it is desirable that you can demonstrate a minimum of 95% attendance in your last place of study or work. If you are aged 16-19, you will be enrolled in a study programme, which will include retaking GCSEs or undertaking Functional Skills in English and maths if you haven't already achieved a grade 4 or above. You will also be required to complete a work experience placement and an employability programme. All students will undertake a monitoring period for the first six weeks of their programme. During this time, attendance, attitude, attainment, and application toward study will be monitored. A final decision as to the most appropriate level and outcome will be discussed with you towards the end of your first six weeks.

Course Fees

Candidates will need to provide their own safety footwear and protective clothing. Stationery is also required for theory. There may be an additional examination registration fee of approximately £100 if applicable. Re-sits for any applicable examinations are chargeable.

Course Progression

This qualification helps prepare you for work in the construction industry specialising in the site carpentry work area, with a specific focus on wood occupations. You may progress onto a T-Level in On-Site Construction (Carpentry Joinery) subject to meeting entry criteria, or progress on to study on an apprenticeship programme or direct into employment in wood occupations.

What Happens Next

Apply online via the College website, or if your school uses the Positive Steps @16 (PS16) application system please apply through this and speak to your careers advisor if you are unsure. You will need details of your qualifications, a reference, and a personal statement to complete your application. Once your application has been successfully processed, you will be sent a conditional offer and be invited to a Welcome Event/Interview at the College to meet your tutors, learn more about your chosen course of study, and tour the facilities. You will then need to confirm your acceptance of the course offered to you.

Course Details

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| Course Code | P00048 |
| Start Date | 07/09/2026 |
| Study Hours | Full Time |
| Duration | 1 year |
| Campus | Freemen's Park Campus |
| Level | 2 |

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